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SUBJECT: NATIONALIST SHADOW CABINET

1. NATIONALIST DEPUTY MARIO FELICE TOLD US TODAY THAT NATIONALIST PARTY WILL NEXT WEEK FORMALLY ORGANIZE A SHADOW CABINET. WITHOUT PROVIDING ALL NAMES, HE SAID THAT BORG OLIVIER WOULD BE SHADOW PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, DE MARCO WOULD BE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND THAT HE, FELICE, WOULD BE MINISTER OF FINANCE. FENECH ADAMI WOULD TAKE PART OF MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM. WITH AGRICULTURE SPLIT OFF AS SEPARATE MINISTRY. APART FROM BORG- OLIVIER, ONLY HOLDOVERS FROM LAST NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VINCENT TABONE, RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, AND CARUANA IN HIS OLD RESPONSIBILITIES AS MINISTER PUBLIC WORKS. NATIONALISTS APPARENTLY VOTED WITHIN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON THE SHADOW PORTFOLIOS, SINCE FELICE SAID THAT LOWEST VOTE TOTALS WENT TO THE TWO OLD HOLDOVERS, TABONE AND CARUANA. HE DID NOT REVEAL HOW BORG- OLIVIER FARED.

2. COMMENT: IF THIS DEVELOPS AS FELICE CLAIMS, IT WILL
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BE FIRST SIGN OF ANY ORGANIZED CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY ON
NATIONALIST SIDE FOR SOME TIME. FELICE MADE CLEAR HIS
UNHAPPINESS THAT BORG- OLIVIER, WHO HE BELIEVES

IS INEFFECTIVE, WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD PARTY BUT CONSIDERS IT
INEVITABLE FOR THE PRESENT. AS FOR THE OTHER TWO OLDTIMERS,
FELICE DID NOT COMMENT ON TABONE, BUT ASSERTED THAT
CARUANA IN BLUNT FASHION IS STILL CAPABLE OF DOING A GOOD
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